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The attached drawing "New Sheet" includes new Figure 6 responsive to the Examiner's objections.

Attachment: New Sheet Drawing of Figure 6.

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Applicants have carefully reviewed the Examiner's comments in the Office Action and have prepared the following response.

Claims 1-20 remain pending. Initially, Applicants express appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-3 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form, and claims 15-20 are allowed. By this paper, a new drawing sheet has been added, the specification has been amended, claims 1 and 10 have been amended, claim 2 has been rewritten into independent form, and claims 15-20 stand allowed. No new matter is introduced by virtue of this amendment.

Turning to the issues raised in the Office Action, the drawings stand objected to as failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants have provided a New Sheet adding new Figure 6, which shows a key 169 and slot 186 on the shank portion, which is believed to traverse this objection. In addition, the specification has been amended to refer to the new Figure. No new matter has been introduced.

The specification stands objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the phrase "toe link." By this paper, the specification has been amended to clarify that the link 14 in applicant's disclosure comprises a toe link in at least one embodiment of the present invention. Thus, Applicants respectfully traverse this objection. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 8-14 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Kleinschmit et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,027,129, hereinafter "Kleinschmit"). Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kleinschmit in view of Hendriksen (U.S. Patent No. 4,267,896). Claims 2 and 3 are objected to as based on a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form to include all the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

As amended herein, claim 1 requires a cam sleeve having "a plurality of projections on an inner surface of said cam sleeve." These projections facilitate proper positioning of the bolt. Applicants

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respectfully contend that Kleinschmit neither discloses nor suggests such an arrangement. Accordingly, Applicants believe claim 1 is distinguishable over Kleinschmit.

With respect to claim 2, as noted earlier, this claim has been rewritten into independent form and is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance, as indicated by the Examiner.

With respect to the remaining dependent claims, without conceding the Examiner's position, Applicants aver that claims 4-9 are allowable based upon the dependency from claim 1, and claims 3 and 10-14 are allowable based upon the dependency from claim 2.

From the foregoing, Applicants submit that the remaining claims in this patent application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims and passage of the application to issue are courteously requested. If a telephone conference would expedite allowance or resolve any further questions, such a conference with the undersigned is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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